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SUBJECT: MBFR: EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL: SPC APPROVES DRAFT

GUIDANCE

REF: A. USNATO 473

B. STATE 18155

C. STATE 21163

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1. SPC ON JANUARY 30 APPROVED DRAFT GUIDANCE ON THE EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE NAC ON JANUARY 31. THE TEXT WHICH SPC APPROVED IS IDENTICAL WITH THAT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL A, WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS. FIRST ADD A COMMA AT THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE IN PARA 2 OF TEXT, AND INSERT "AT THE TIME OF SIGNATURE OF THE PHASE I AGREEMENT." THIS HAS THE EFFECT OF MAKING THIS SENTENCE IDENTICAL (EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST WORD) WITH THE SIXTH SENTENCE OF THE US SECRET

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COMPROMISE PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL B. UK AND FRG WISHED THIS CHANGE IN THE INTEREST OF CLARITY. THE SECOND CHANGE IS THAT THE UK AGREED TO DELETE THE SECOND SENTENCE IN THE SECTION OF THE TEXT IN REFTEL A ENTITLED "FOR INFORMATION"

OF AD HOC GROUP ONLY", PER US REQUEST IN REF C, ON THE GENERAL (UNWRITTEN) UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FIRST SENTENCE IN THAT SECTION MEANT THAT THE AHG COULD DISCUSS DATA WHEN THE AHG CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE.

- 2. AFTER SPC APPROVAL OF THIS TEXT, US REP (PEREZ) RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE US DRAFT PRESS GUIDANCE, TO SUPPORT THIS TEXT, CONTAINED IN REF D. BELGIAN REP (BURNY) NOTED THAT THE AHG NORMALLY HANDLES SUCH MATTERS AS PRESS GUIDANCE, AND HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE AHG SHOULD CONSIDER THE US DRAFT PRESS GUIDANCE.
- 3. MISSION WILL APPROVE IN THE NAC ON JANUARY 31 THE TEXT IN REF A AS AMENDED ABOVE UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, ON WHETHER WASHINGTON WISHES THE SPC TO APPROVE DRAFT PRESS GUIDANCE PER REF D, OR WHETHER WASHINGTON WISHES THE AHG TO HANDLE THE PRESS GUIDANCE, WHICH IS NORMALLY THE CASE. BRUCE.

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